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SUBJECT: PLANS OF EGYPTIAN SECTION ON JOINT BUSINESS
- COUNCIL

1. DR. AHMED EFFAT, CHAIRMAN OF EGYPTIAN SECTION OF EGYPT-U.S. JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL CALLED AMBASSADOR APRIL 5 TO OUTLINE PROGRAM EGYPTIAN GROUP WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ARRANGED FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF JBC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 12 AND 13. GROUP WOULD LIKE TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN WASHINGTON MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF STATE, AID, AND COMMERCE. FROM WASHINGTON, THEY WISH " VISIT NEW ORLEANS, THEN CHICAGO, MEETING IN BOTH CITIES WITH BUSINESSMEN AND OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH PORT AND SHIPPING MATTERS. (EFFAT CLAIMED THAT A MAJOR PORTION OF US SHIPPING TO EGYPT ORIGINATED AT PORTS OF NEW ORLEANS AND CHICAGO.) AFTER FEW DAYS IN CHICAGO, GROUP WISHES VISIT ALLIS-CHALMERS PLANT IN MILWAUKEE. FINAL STOP WILL BE NEW YORK, WHERE GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FOR APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS.

2. EFFAT ASKED THAT BREWER, TOGETHER WITH HEAD OF GOE ECONOMIC MISSION IN NEW YORK OWEISS, WORK ON ARRANGING UNCLASSIFIED

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DETAILS OF SUITABLE PROGRAM, INCLUDING APPOINTMENTS AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS. POINT WAS MADE TO EGYPTIAN SECTION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TEWFIQ, THAT USG WAS NOT IN POSITION FUND ANY OF THIS TRAVEL, AND AMBASSADOR INTENDS MAKE SAME POINT TO EFFAT. TWEFIQ TOLD US EGYPTIAN GROUP WOULD HAVE TICKETS WRITTEN HERE FOR AIR TRAVEL TO CITIES DESIRED, AND WOULD OTHERWISE BEAR ALL OF OWN EXPENSES.

3. FYI, IN CASE SUBJECT IS RAISED BY EGYPTIANS IN WASHINGTON, EFFAT ALSO INQUIRED IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF COMBINING VISIT TO U.S. FOR JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING WITH TRIP TO BRAZIL, WHICH USAID CAIRO HAS BEEN DISCUSSING WITH SOME GOE OFFICIALS, IN CONNECTION WITH A VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT.

USAID BELIEVES IT NOT POSSIBLE TO COMBINE THE TWO VISITS. VISIT TO BRAZIL (PLANS FOR WHICH ARE STILL NOT FIRM) IN CONNECTION WITH VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT WAS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 1978 AND WAS DESIGNED TO BE PRECEDED BY ATTENDANCE AT INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCES IN U.S. USAID HAS INDICATED, HOWEVER, WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER INCLUDING A FEW PARTICIPANTS FROM EGYPTIAN SECTION OF BUSINESS COUNCIL IN GROUP BEING SPONSORED FOR BRAZIL TRIP IN JUNE IF JBC MEMBERS ARE APPROPRIATELY REPRESENTATIVE OF INDUSTRIAL SECTOR WHICH PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST. AMBASSADOR WILL CONVEY THIS TO EFFAT. END FYI. EILTS

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